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**PERSONAL NEWS  
NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark had their children together for the first time in six years for Christmas dinner. The party included Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Clark, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. Mell Jones and children, Freda and Melva, Abilene; Woodrow Clark, Ellsworth, Kans.; Junior, Willie Joe and Patsy; Mrs. Chas. West and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Clark were also present.

Guests in the home of Mrs. W. W. Wheeler and Mrs. W. L. Johnson Christmas were: Mr. and Mrs. Burl Wheeler, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harris, Merkel; Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Allamon and son, Brian, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Leppard and sons, Glenn and Jackie Joe, Mrs. C. L. Henderson, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McLaren and daughter, Barbara, Mrs. Verdo W. Leppard and son, V. W. Mr. and Mrs. Lester Garrett and daughter, Bettye, Anson.

Miss Frances Castles spent Christmas week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles. She has returned to Phoenix, Ariz., where she teaches in the public schools, but was snow-bound three days after starting. Also spending Christmas week in the Castles home was a son, J. B. Castles, who returned to Amarillo on Jan. 1, where he is an assistant bank examiner. Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Castles and Miss Frances Castles spent several days in Fort Worth, visiting V. C. Castles and family.

Woodrow Clark left Christmas night for Ellsworth, Kans., after spending three days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Thompson of Amarillo visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Foster, and other relatives during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Riney of Artesia, Colo., left for home Monday after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Riney.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Simpson and daughter, Peggy, of Winslow, Ariz., visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson last week-end.

Rev. D. S. Neel, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, left Wednesday for Dallas to attend the three-day seminar of the Presbyterian church, U. S. A.

Mrs. John Shannon returned home by train last Thursday night from Fort Worth, where she had accompanied her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Shaver, home after they had spent the Christmas holiday in the Shannon home here.

Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Wright of Glendale, Calif., were guests last week of Mr. Wright's niece and husband, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Matthews. On Tuesday of this week, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews and daughter, Willie Pearl, attended the funeral of Mr. Matthews' brother-in-law, W. A. McCormick, former resident of Merkel, which was held at Buffalo Gap.

On the first of the month Elmo Collins accepted the position as shop manager tractor repair for the Faru Supply company, at Lubbock, and his wife plans to join him as soon as they can secure living quarters.

E. O. Carson returned Saturday from an extended visit to the Pacific coast. Leaving here Nov. 14, he spent most of the time with his son, Louis, and family at Seattle, Wash., from where he made a trip over into Canada. He also visited his wife's brother, A. J. Jarrell, at Denver, Colo., and his sister, Mrs. J. L. Heatley, in Los Angeles, Calif., and while visiting with her saw the Tournament of Roses at Pasadena on Jan. 1.

A. T. Sheppard of the Barrow-Sheppard Furniture company left Saturday for a buying trip to the Chicago markets in company with a group of the Barrow buyers.

Mrs. Roy Patterson is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pinckley, recuperating from injuries received when their home, the Methodist parsonage at Longworth, was destroyed after an explosion on Dec. 18. Her son, Charles, is with his grandmother, Mrs. Lela Patterson, while Rev. Mr. Patterson continues with his pastoral duties at Longworth. Visitors during Christmas week in the Pinckley home were Miss Marie Pinckley of Perryton and Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Reeves and children of Friona.

After a visit with her mother, Mrs. Earl Teague, Mrs. John Sheffield and little son, Johnny, returned Wednesday to their home in Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Polley from Dallas were in Merkel a few days this week visiting with friends and finishing up some business here.

**AREA RESIDENT  
OVER 50 YEARS  
PASSES AWAY**

**Rites Held Thursday Afternoon For Mrs. George W. Moore, 74; Survived by Husband, 2 Sons, 2 Daughters, 3 Sisters.**

Mrs. George W. Moore, 74, Taylor county resident for more than half a century, died at 6 a. m. Wednesday at her home here. She had been in failing health three years.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Thursday from the First Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. E. M. Weathers, officiating, assisted by Rev. L. M. Brown, Methodist pastor. Lurial was in the Rose Hill cemetery, under direction of Barrow-Sheppard funeral home.

Named as pallbearers were Leon Toombs, Joe B. Toombs, W. W. Toombs, H. H. Toombs, John J. Toombs and Billy Campbell.

Born Mattie Henrietta Hall in Tennessee on Nov. 3, 1872, she moved with her parents first to Hunt county, Texas, and then to Taylor county 52 years ago. She was married to George W. Moore in Taylor county on Dec. 24, (Christmas Eve), 1894, and the couple had lived continuously in the county ever since. About two years ago they moved from the Castle Peak community, where they resided, to Merkel. Mrs. Moore had been a member of the Baptist church for 40 years.

Surviving are her husband, two sons, Ira and George T. Moore, two daughters, Mrs. A. H. Murphree and Mrs. Gerie L. Davis, all of Merkel; three sisters, Mrs. W. A. Campbell of Abilene, Mrs. Cynthia Hall of Merkel and Mrs. Ed Sherman of Trent, 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

**Deposits in Local  
Bank Reach High  
For End of Year**

Deposits of \$3,050,212.06, as of Dec. 31, represent the highest figure reported at the close of the year in the history of the Farmers and Merchants National bank of Merkel. This shows an increase of \$45,910.92 over the comparable figure of \$2,904,301.24, reported in response to the comptroller's call for condition of national banks on Sept. 30, last, but in the interim deposits in the Merkel institution had reached a peak in excess of \$3,150,000.

Deposits at the close of the previous year, 1945, were \$2,940,031.26. As of Dec. 31, the directors of the bank declared the usual semi-annual dividend of five per cent.

**Postal Receipts**  
Postal receipts for 1946, as reported by Postmaster Wrenn Durham, were \$15,610.63, a decrease of \$1,693.14 from the previous year's figure of \$20,303.77. An all-time of \$21,810.98 was set in 1944.

**Ginnings**  
Only 2,081 bales of cotton were ginned up to Dec. 31 in the Merkel area embracing four gins in town and those at Blair, Stith and Noodle. The crop in 1945 was 6,399 bales.

**Rainfall**  
Total rainfall in this section for 1946 was less than 15 inches, exact figure being 14 13-16 inches. The 1945 total was 20 7-8 inches.

**9 Below Saturday is  
Record Low for Area**

The year-end cold spell that was ushered in Saturday night, Dec. 28, and introduced two heavy snowfalls with a day's interval to total around 10 inches, culminated the following Saturday morning with the coldest weather in the history of this section, the weather bureau thermometer in Abilene registering 9 degrees below at 8 a. m. Saturday, Jan. 4. The previous all-time record had been 6 below, recorded on Feb. 12, 1899.

For the first time since the freezing point was reached at 11:30 p. m. Saturday night, Dec. 28, the mercury broke above the freezing point Sunday, Jan. 5, at 1 p. m. The big thaw started Monday afternoon, but even at Thursday noon ice formed during the snow was still in evidence in gutters and protected places.

While snow is normally estimated to produce one inch of moisture to every ten inches of snow, it was not possible to gauge the recent snowfall very accurately, and, based on the water left in the gauge when the snow melted, Volunteer Weather Observer J. I. Ford reported Thursday that the gauge showed 9-16 of an inch of water.

**FOUR BADGERS  
SELECTED ON  
ALL-DISTRICT**

Four of the 1946 Badgers are on the coaches' All-District and one was named on the second string, Leroy Teaff, Sanford Carr, Hubert Peterson and Corky Land are all-star selections, while Jimmy Walker was given second team recognition. Carr and Peterson were the only unanimous selections, Carr being the only one out of the quartet who made all-district last year. Peterson placed all-district in 1944 but not in 1945.

Selections, as made by coaches of six of the seven schools in the district—Colorado City, Merkel, Snyder, Roscoe, Rotan and Lorraine—meeting at the Bluebonnet hotel in Sweetwater Wednesday night, were:

**First Team**  
Ends—Teaff, Merkel, Witherspoon, Roscoe.  
Tackles—Carr, Merkel, Duvall, Roscoe.  
Guards—Peterson, Merkel, Brown, Rotan.

**Center—Bowling, Lorraine.**  
Backs—Green, Roscoe, Land, Merkel, Forgy, Rotan, Johnson, Lorraine.

**Second Team.**  
Ends—Richardson, Snyder, Biggs, Colorado City.

Tackles—Crow, Rotan, Moore, Snyder.  
Guards—Benson, Colorado City, Arrington, Rotan.  
Center—Underhill, Rotan.

Backs—Emerson, Roscoe, Vaughn, Snyder, Walker, Merkel, Lay, Colorado City.

**Project Committee to  
Hold Open House at  
Youth Center Saturday**

The Youth Project committee of the Fortnightly Study club will be hostesses to an "open-house" shower and inspection for all the people of Merkel Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Community Center, (formerly the Bob Hicks building.) Hours are from 2 to 5 p. m.

All the many patrons and friends of the teenage movement and of the new meeting place of all Merkel are urged to attend. Gifts of any kind to make the building more attractive and useful, or cash donations are needed. All those who have already so generously contributed something and the Lions Club members and the Jaycees are urged to come any how.

Coffee will be served by the committee, Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. Elma McFarland, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Weldon McAninch and the Fortnightly Study Club president, Mrs. Wrenn Durham. They will be assisted by the other Study Club members.

The building will be decorated and fixed just like the Teen-Agers will enjoy it Saturday night for their second youth party.

**Gas Pumps Must Be  
Moved from Sidewalk  
Area on North Front**

An ordinance prohibiting pumps and equipment for dispensing gasoline and other petroleum products on North Front Street and prohibiting the storage of any such products on or under said street, according to the definition of the term, North Front street, as explained in another section of the ordinance, was passed by the city council at its monthly meeting Monday night.

Any person, firm or corporation guilty of violating any section of the ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00. Effective time for removal of such pumps and equipment is designated in the ordinance as "on or before the 1st day of March, 1947."

The term, North Front Street, the ordinance provides, shall "include the entire area of said street lying between the property line of the owners of the property abutting on said street and including parkways and sidewalk areas, as well as the main traveled portion of said street."

**Revival in Progress  
At Nazarene Church**

The public is cordially invited to attend the revival in progress at the Church of the Nazarene, where Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Holder of Lamesa are the special workers.

"We feel sure you will enjoy Rev. Holder's old-time Gospel preaching as well as the special singing each night," Mrs. J. D. Roeder, the pastor, said, and added "Come worship with us."

**OPENING GAME  
OF CONFERENCE  
FRIDAY NIGHT**

**Colorado City Wolves Here For First Engagement of Season; Badgers Lose, 30-21 to Abilene "B" Team**

The Colorado City Wolves, defending district champions, will be heavily favored to down Coach Benson's basketball team when the two clubs clash here Friday night in the opening conference contest of the season. The second string fracas will get underway at 7:00, followed by the game that counts at 8:00.

The Wolves are the pre-season favorites to cop the 5A West title again this year. Unless the locals look better than they did Tuesday night against Abilene, the Wolves won't even get a good workout here Friday night.

The Purple and Gold cagers didn't look so "hot" in their first game of the season here Tuesday night, losing to the Abilene "B" squad team, 30-21. The Badgers held the Eagles 6-6 at the end of the first quarter, but were never in the ball game after that. However, a 12 point spurge in the last quarter indicated that Benson's boys could play the "round ball" game when they wanted to. James Land was high point man for Merkel with 10 points. Coach Benson indicated that some of the second string boys may be promoted to the starting five Friday night.

In the curtain raiser, the Abilene reserves clipped the Merkel reserves, 38-21. Robert Wayne Sledge paced the locals' attack with 7 tallies.

**County Attorney Says  
1945 Poll Tax Is One  
To Be Used on Jan. 11**

In response to inquiry from The Mail as to the poll tax qualifications required of voters in the special election to name seven trustees to be held here Saturday, Jan. 11, County Attorney Theo Ash gave the opinion that "the poll tax receipt necessary is the 1945 poll tax receipt."

In arriving at the opinion he cited Article 2955 of Vernon's Revised Civil Statutes as amended by the 47th legislature in 1941, defining a qualified voter and including the proviso "that any voter who is subject to pay a poll tax under the laws of this State shall have paid said tax before offering to vote at any election in this State and holds a receipt showing that said poll tax was paid before the first day of February next preceding such election."

Other articles quoted in the opinion concern the time of payment of said poll tax as "between the first day of October and the first day of February." (Art. 2959a), and a later Senate bill, known as Article 2960-A concerning exemption for discharged members of the Armed forces.

In summing up his conclusion that the 1945 poll tax is the one required in this week's election, the county attorney also stated "One cannot vote in this election on a 1946 receipt."

**Tax Collector to be  
In Merkel Jan. 17-18**

Raymond Petree, tax assessor-collector of Taylor county, has notified The Mail that he will be in Merkel to collect taxes and assess property on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17 and 18.

His visit to Trent for the same purpose is set for Saturday of this week, Jan. 11.

**Merkel VFW to Meet  
Jan. 13 at Club House**

Monday night, Jan. 13, is the time for the next regular meeting of Merkel Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at the club house at 7:30 p. m.

All members are urged to be present and pay 1947 dues, Post Commander J. Parker Sharp urges, and all those eligible to membership are urged to join.

**Will Meet Tuesday.**

The Past Matrons and Past Patrons club of the Eastern Star will meet Tuesday, Jan. 14, at the Masonic hall at 7 p. m. and will be joined at 7:30 by the O. E. S. Study club. All members are requested to be present. Mrs. Viola Ensminger is president and Mrs. Aurra Johnson, secretary of the club.

**Local Drive for Funds  
To Fight Polio Begins**

Appointment of Norman Hodge as chairman of the infantile paralysis drive in the west portion of Taylor county was announced early in the month by Wally Akin, of Abilene, county drive chairman. The drive will be held from Jan. 15 through Feb. 1.

"With six cases of polio in Taylor county in 1946, and 35 suspects, residents of this county will be asked to give generously in the drive to fight the dread disease," Chairman Hodge said.

The report of activities for 1946 show that the county chapter raised \$9,000 during the year and paid out over \$4,000 for braces, doctors, hospitalization and medical fees.

Fifty per cent of every dollar contributed is left in Taylor county to fight polio, the other fifty per cent is sent to the National Headquarters for Research Work.

**Woman's Club Endorses  
Mrs. Owen Robertson  
For School Trustee**

The Fortnightly Study club, the women's civic and social club, announce that they endorse the candidacy of Mrs. Owen Robertson as a member of the Merkel School board. "Mrs. Robertson, one of the most talented and capable women of the club, is not only a mother but a businesswoman," said Mrs. Wrenn Durham, the club president. "The members feel that the citizens of Merkel realize the need for a woman on the school board and that in Mrs. Robertson they have an able candidate and urge all voters to cast their ballot for her."

**Former Merkel Citizen  
Passes in Arizona**

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Dec. 19, at Palms chapel of the Grimshaw Mortuary in Phoenix, Ariz., for Mrs. Mary Frederickson, 87, former resident of Merkel. Rev. Clarence Holland, pastor of the Garfield Methodist church, officiated. Interment was in Greenwood Memorial park, Phoenix.

Wife of the late J. P. Frederickson, she died Monday, Dec. 16, in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Christina Kesler, at Phoenix, where she had resided since leaving Merkel in 1927.

In addition to Mrs. Kesler, she leaves three other daughters: Mrs. E. A. Clink, Merkel; Mrs. Earl L. Hamilton, Phoenix; Mrs. L. B. Priece, Oklahoma City; five sons: W. S. Frederickson, Phoenix; P. L. Frederickson, Abilene; J. C. Frederickson, Tye; George E. Frederickson, Shelton, Washington; M. C. Frederickson, Lambeth, Ontario, Canada; 17 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

**Record of Births.**  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Dorton, Sunday, January 5, 1947.  
Girl, to Mr. and Mrs. Ford Smith, Jr., Monday, January 6, 1947.  
Boy, to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Rust, Thursday, January 9, 1947.

**MERKEL 20 YEARS AGO**  
(From Files of The Merkel Mail, January 14, 1927.)

**COZY THEATRE ADDS NEW  
PIPE ORGAN.**

The Cozy theatre, Merkel's most excellent playhouse, under the management of Mr. Clyde Foster, has recently installed one of the very newest and most modern Sieberg Pipe organs, thus enabling the show to furnish its patrons the best in theatre music.

The Cozy theatre, one of the best picture shows between Fort Worth and El Paso, without doubt giving the theatre-goers of this community the best to be had in the moving picture show world and should enjoy the patronage and support of the entire community.

**MR. HUGHES ANNOUNCES NEW  
ADDITION TO CITY OF MERKEL**

Mr. John S. Hughes, who owns and resides on a beautiful residential plot adjacent to the city on the southwest, has an announcement in this week's issue of The Mail of the opening of the Haynes-Moody addition to the city of Merkel.

The new addition is located, according to the announcement, one block south of the Grammar School building and is being offered for sale

**20 CANDIDATES  
ON BALLOT FOR  
SCHOOL TRUSTEE**

**List Includes One Woman Candidate; Polling Place Changed from City Call to Local Welfare Office, Kent Street.**

Announcement was made Wednesday of a change in the polling place for the special election called for Saturday of this week, Jan. 11, by the board of trustees of the Merkel Independent School district to name seven trustees. The special election will be held in the local welfare office, (Mrs. Elma McFarland's office), on Kent street. T. L. Grimes is election judge.

The ballot to be voted carries the names of 20 candidates, including one woman candidate. Method of filing was by petition of five or more qualified voters asking that the candidate's name be placed on the ticket, but the law also provides that a qualified voter may sign a request that his name be placed on the ticket.

The names of the candidates and the order in which they will appear on the ballot follow:

- Bryan B. Dunagin.
- George Woodrum.
- Riggs Sheppard.
- Earl Watts.
- Clyde Bartlett.
- Ray Walson.
- Joe Seymore.
- Mrs. Owen Robertson.
- Euster Horton.
- Austin Robertson.
- Johnnie Jacobs.
- D. W. McLean.
- Earl Beech.
- M. H. Ely.
- Earl Hughes.
- Tommy Patterson.
- Calvin Irvin.
- J. T. (Jack) Miller.
- Grover Gilbert.
- Weldon McAninch.

**Lions Luncheon Served  
By Youth Committee**

Meeting Tuesday for the first time in the Youth Center, members of the Lions club partook of a most appetizing home-cooked dinner prepared and served by the Youth Project committee consisting of Mrs. Earl Hughes, Mrs. W. T. Sadler, Mrs. Elma McFarland and Mrs. Wrenn Durham, who intend to use the money earned in serving the luncheons in buying necessary equipment for the Youth Center.

As a gift from the club, a set of 40 plates, cups and saucers was donated for permanent equipment of the Youth Center.

Sweetwater Lions extended an invitation to members of the local club to attend a ladies' night dinner honoring the Lions International president, Clifford D. Pierce, on Friday night, Jan. 17.

E. O. Carson, Merkel Lion, who had returned from an extended trip to the Pacific coast, told of the interesting places visited, including a trip to Canada.

**REYNOLDS-STUTTS WEDDING.**  
On Dec. 24, 1926, Rev. John Reynolds and Miss Lena Stutts were united in marriage at the bride's home, Rev. R. E. L. Stutts officiating.  
The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. L. Stutts of Abilene. She is a student in McMurry college and is a very accomplished young lady.  
Rev. John Reynolds of Trent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds of Trent and he is a student from Simmons college and is also a popular young man.  
The happy young couple left with Mrs. Gladys Cunningham and Miss Ruby Bayless on the 8:45 train and went to the home of their friends, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Campbell, where they were given a sumptuous dinner prepared for them on Christmas Day. The other guests who partook of this good dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. James Doan.  
—A Guest.



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**Hospital Notes**

Admitted for radium, Mrs. Tom Vessels entered Sadler Clinic Jan. 7. Also received the same day for treatment were Mrs. Claude Derrick and the Stanley Toombs baby.

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**With Our Boys**

Sgt. and Mrs. James E. Farmer were home on 10-day furlough for a Christmas visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Farmer and Mr. and Mrs. George Price. It was the first time all of the Farmer children had been home for Christmas in four years, with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Farmer here from Ysleta, and James, Travis, Derrell Lee, Yvonne and Fredlyn.

Pvt. Robert P. Simpson, stationed at Camp Lee, Va., spent a 13-day furlough at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Simpson, during Christmas, returning to Camp Lee Jan. 3.

SAVE POSTAGE and cost of re-mitting. We take orders for all magazines.—The Merkel Mail.

**TELEPHONE THE MAIL**

The Mail will be glad to receive news of entertainments or visitors in Merkel homes, as well as other news items of a general nature. If you have company, entertain friends or return from a trip please telephone 61 or 29.

**In The Churches**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.**

Reports available from four Sunday Schools, First Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian and Church of Christ, show an attendance of 330 last Sunday, which is about half of normal. The small figure was, of course, due to the extremely cold weather. On the previous Sunday, attendance at the seven Sunday Schools here was 455, while on the same Sunday a year ago the attendance was 592.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
 Sunday: Bible School at 9:45 a. m.; preaching 10:50 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.

Charles C. Whit, assistant pastor of the Sweetwater Church of Christ, will fill the pulpit Sunday morning and night.

**NAZARENE CHURCH**  
 Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Preaching at 11. NYPS at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7. Prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

Mrs. J. D. Roedler, Pastor.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.**  
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning sermon at 11. Children meet at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship service at 7. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7 Wednesday evening.

D. S. Neel, Pastor.

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD.**  
 Sunday School at 3 p. m. Preaching services at 4 p. m. and 8 p. m. Services every Thursday night.

H. S. Earp, Pastor.

**METHODIST CHURCH**  
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. MYF and juniors meet at 6 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7 p. m. Wednesday.

L. M. Brown, Pastor.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Sunday School at 10:00 a. m. Morning sermon at 11:00. Training Union at 6:00. Evening sermon at 7:00.

Prayer meeting at 7:00 Wednesday evening.

Merle Weathers, Pastor.

**FUNDAMENTALIST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer meeting at 7:30 Wednesday evening.

B. W. Wallis, Pastor.

**NEW GIVE OAK CHURCH.**  
 Sunday School at 10 a. m. each Sunday. Preaching each second and fourth Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

John A. Martin, Pastor.

**QUEEN THEATRE CALENDAR**

[Friday - Saturday — Double feature: (1) Johnny Mack Brown in "Shadows on the Range" and (2) Russell Hayden in "Ninth Canadian Skies;" cartoon and serial.

Saturday preview, Sunday matinee, Monday night—Joan Garfield, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Walter Brennan, Faye Emerson in "Nobody Lives Forever;" New Year's "Bowl" football games and Bugs Bunny.

Tuesday only—Helmut Dantine, Andrea King in "Shadow of a Woman;" Crimson Ghost serial and latest News.

Wednesday - Thursday — Dorothy McGuire, Guy Madison, Robert Mitchum in "Till the End of Time;" "Highway Mania" 2 reel short subject.

**Legal Notice**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF MERKEL PROHIBITING PUMPS AND EQUIPMENT FOR DISPENSING GASOLINE AND OTHER PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ON NORTH FRONT STREET, AND PROHIBITING THE STORAGE OF ANY SUCH PRODUCTS ON OR UNDER SAID STREET, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE City Council of the City of Merkel, as follows:

Section 1. All pumps and other equipment for dispensing gasoline and other petroleum products, and all storage of gasoline and other petroleum products, is hereby prohibited at all points on and under North Front Street in the City of Merkel.

Section 2. As used herein, the term North Front Street shall include the entire area of said street lying between the property line of the owners of the property abutting on said street and including the parkways and sidewalk areas, as well as the main traveled portion of said street.

Section 3. No person, firm or corporation shall hereafter install, operate, use, store, or maintain any of the equipment or commodities prohibited in Section 1 hereof, upon North Front Street or underneath the same.

Section 4. It shall be the joint and several duty of the owners, managers, lessees, agents, and other persons in possession of any such property described in Section 1 hereof, located upon or underneath North Front Street, to remove the same from said street on or before the 1st day of March, 1947.

Section 5. Any person, firm or corporation guilty of violating any section of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$10.00 nor more than \$100.00.

Section 6. The presence of any of the equipment or supplies upon or under North Front Street, such as are prohibited in Section 1 hereof, are hereby declared to be a nuisance after the effective date of this act and subject to being abated by the City Marshal of the City of Merkel.

Section 7. In case any part of this ordinance should be declared invalid by any court, the remainder of such ordinance shall not be affected by such adjudication.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE OF THE City Council this 6th day of January, 1947.

(Seal) H. C. West, Mayor.

Attest: W. M. Elliott, City Secretary.

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### LEGAL NOTICES

#### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

**TO: Domicile Formento, Greeting:**  
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 10th day of February, A. D., 1946, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26th day of December, 1946. The file number of said suit being No. 15,130-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Alma Formento as Plaintiff, and Domicile Formento as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married on or about December 4, 1942, in Watertown, New York, and lived together until on or about May 1, 1946.

Plaintiff and Defendant own no community property, and no children were born as issue to said marriage.

Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment. If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 28th day of December, A. D., 1946.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 28th day of December, A. D., 1946.

(Seal) Lois Jones, Clerk, District Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

#### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

**TO: Woodrow Swann, Greeting:**  
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of February, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 4th day of January, 1947. The file number of said suit being No. 15,141-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Mickia Cogdell as Plaintiff, and Woodrow Swann as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:

Plaintiff alleges that she and defendant entered into a marriage contract and agreement on November 12, 1946, in Wichita Falls, Texas. At said time defendant was a married man and the legal husband of Louise Chapman.

Plaintiff asks the court to declare her said marriage agreement and contract entered into at the aforesaid time, null and void on the grounds that the defendant was incapable of entering into a legal marriage contract to plaintiff because he was legally married at said time to another.

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Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas this the 6th day of January, A. D., 1947.

(Seal) J. Neil Daniel, Clerk, Dist. Court, Taylor County, Texas. By Thelma Graham, Deputy.

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION THE STATE OF TEXAS

**TO: Harvey Patterson, Greeting:**  
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock A. M. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of February, A. D., 1947, at or before 10 o'clock A. M., before the Honorable 42nd District Court of Taylor County, at the Court House in Abilene, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 25th day of November, 1946. The file number of said suit being No. 15,076-A.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Helen Patterson as Plaintiff, and Harvey Patterson as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiff and Defendant were married in Fisher County, Texas, September 12, 1942, and lived together until about September 1, 1946. Three children were born to said marriage. Only two are living. No property is involved in said suit. Plaintiff sues for divorce on grounds of cruel treatment, and prays for custody and control of said two children.

### LODGE CALLS

**NOTICE MASONS**  
Stated meeting of Merkel Lodge No. 710, A. F. and A. M., Thursday, January 16, at 7:30 p. m. All members are urged to be present. Visiting brethren cordially invited.  
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Andy Shouse, Sec'y.

ment, and prays for custody and control of said two children.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 3rd day of January, A. D., 1947.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Abilene, Texas, this the 3rd day of January, A. D., 1947.

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**FORTNIGHTLY STUDY CLUB**

The Fortnightly Study club met in the home of Mrs. Elmo Collins Tuesday and observed Bible Day by having a program on the subject, "Unity of Religions."

Following the business session, Mrs. Will Sloman, leader for the program, spoke about "The Great Religions of the World and the Unity of the Protestant Church."

Mrs. D. H. Vaughn concluded the program by telling the club members what is being done to "Unite the Religions." This is a very vital question and is worthy of much attention and study.

The following members were present: Mesdames Johnny Cox, Weidon McAninch, Grif Barnett, Henry West, S. D. Gamble, Carroll Benson, Elmo Collins, Owen Robertson P. C. Wylie, Elma McFarland, Will Sloman, Chester Collinsworth, Wrenn Durham, Paul West, Comer Haynes, Earl Hughes, Weston West, W. T. Sadler, David Gamble, Judd McReynolds, D. H. Vaughn and Edwin Read.

**NALL-MELTON.**

Mr. and Mrs. Price Melton are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Delwee, to John W. Nall, son of Mrs. Jack Keenum of Drew, Miss. The marriage of the couple took place in the home of Rev. Charles Treadway, Cleveland, Miss.

The bride wore a light blue dress with black accessories and a corsage of red roses. She is a graduate of the Merkel High school and was formerly employed by Western Union.

Mr. Nall, a graduate of the Drew high school, served 3 1/2 years in the navy as a boatswain's mate first class. He is now employed at the Highway Express company in Memphis, Tenn., where the couple will make their home at 367 North Claybrook.

**TIPTON-HAMPTON.**

Ethel Joyce Hampton and Wayne Tipton were married Dec. 26, in Abilene at the home of Justice of Peace Bill Ward. Attendants to the couple were Ted McAninch and Reba Yarborough.

The bride is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Ayers. She attended Merkel High school and was popular in all school activities.

She was attired in a moss green suit with brown accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations.

The bridegroom is the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Tipton, Sr. He is a graduate of Merkel High school and served one year in the Navy.

The couple will make their home in Hobbs, J. M., where he is employed by the Hobbs Market Food store.

**GARRETT-HORTON.**

On Christmas Day Betty Horton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horton, and I. V. Garrett, Jr., son of Ike Garrett, were united in marriage, in the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Alexander in Abilene. Rev. Raymond Phillips read the service.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a blue tailored dress, with black accessories. She carried a white Bible, which had also been carried by her cousin, Mrs. Herman Talley, at her wedding. It was topped with white carnations. Jean Mathews, bridesmaid, wore a dark blue dress with black accessories and pink gladiolus corsage.

Ora Lee Alexander, cousin of the bride, accompanied Ima Ruth Shouse, who sang "Always," and played the

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- All Children's Hats \$1.00
- \$1.95 Infants Caps and Mittens \$1.00
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**RURAL SOCIETY**

**BRIDAL SHOWER FOR MRS. DOYAL BARNES.**

On Dec. 11 Mrs. Doyal Barnes, the former Lynn Skuggs, was honored with a bridal shower at the Butman church with Mesdames Bill Wallace, W. H. Ensminger, Lester Sugart, W. C. Hunter and Elmer Patterson as co-hostesses.

The church was decorated with evergreens and mums. Mrs. Bill Wallace presided at the bride's book. Mrs. Frazz Demere played "Silent Night" while Mrs. Hunter and Mrs. Ensminger lighted candles on either side of the Christmas tree.

Mrs. Will Butman and Mrs. Doyal Barnes were winners in games directed by Mrs. Patterson. Curtains were drawn and a beautiful Christmas tree was revealed loaded with many gifts for the bride.

After the gifts were opened and every one viewed them a refreshment plate of cookies, sandwiches and cocoa with rice bags as plate favors was passed to Mesdames Doyal Barnes, A. D. Barnes, Ford Butman, Adrian Farmer, Monroe Whisenant, Frazz Demere, Bob Malone, Ray Osborn, G. W. Hughes, Tommie Patterson, Vergil Patterson, Homer Newby, Will Butman, Sam Butman, Jr., W. S. Hendrix, Jr., Louis Butman, Herman Jefferies, Rex McLean, Frank Brumby, John Swiney, P. E. Healer, R. L. McLean, Elmer Hicks, Dewel McLean, Artist Cook, Miss Lou Ella Hughes and Barbara and Velma Orphan, Beverly Butman and Dorand Hendrix and the hostesses. A number of gifts were sent.

**RECENT BRIDE IS COMPLIMENTED.**

On Dec. 27, Mrs. Edward Farmer, nee, Derris Frice, was honored with a bridal shower in the home of Mrs. F. E. Healer. Hostesses were Mrs. Artis, Cook, Mrs. Ford Butman, Mrs. Walter Hunter and Mrs. Healer. Over a hundred invitations were extended and a shower of lovely gifts was graciously received by the honoree.

To open the afternoon the guests were met by Mrs. Ford Butman, who presided over the bride's book, which was very attractively designed by Mrs. F. E. Healer. Mrs. Artis Cook invited each one in to be seated. Mrs. A. L. Farmer, mother-in-law of the honoree, introduced Doris to each guest as they arrived. A number of games which were interesting and amusing were

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Best man was Charles Vinson. The bride is a senior in Merkel High school. The bridegroom served three years in the Navy, with 18 months of it in overseas duty. He is now employed with the R. B. Stovall Construction company, Abilene.

Attending the wedding from Merkel were the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horton, Darlene and Jerry Don, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Skurlock, Margie, A. V. and Tommy Ray, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dye, Beulah and Imogene, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Howard, Misses Jean Mathews and Ima Ruth Shouse, Messrs. Charles Vinson and Roy Vinson, Jr.

**METZ-REIDENBACH.**

In a double ring ceremony on Nov. 7, Miss Anne Reidenbach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Reidenbach, became the bride of Galen L. Metz. The candlelight ceremony was read at 10 p. m. by Rev. H. S. Earp in the presence of relatives and close friends in the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Reidenbach, brother and sister-in-law of the bride. Flower arrangements were of white and orchid chrysanthemums.

The bride was attractively attired in an ash blue suit with accessories of brown. As matron of honor, her sister-in-law was lovely in winter-green.

David Reidenbach served as best man to the groom.

The bride attended school at Merkel and Stanton, completing her studies at South San Antonio. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Metz of San Antonio. He served in the Marines four years, with 27 months overseas with the 3rd Division. The couple is at home at 409 Terrell street, San Antonio.

**BAPTIST W. M. S.**

The Woman's Society of the First Baptist church met Monday afternoon for a business meeting. Mrs. W. A. McCandless opened with prayer. Mrs. Earl Lassiter presided over the business session.

The next meeting will be for Bible study in the home of Mrs. Sasa Swann on Jan. 13.

**MESSAGE FROM MR. WITCHER.**

Tell the ones that helped in cooperation in keeping a part of the cemetery clean for them, that I thank them for their help and kindness. I will be 81 years old soon and have been in cemetery work 20 years and still walk out.

Hoping for a good and happy New Year this 1947.

J. H. Witcher,  
The Old Sexton.

**ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.**

Notice is hereby given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Merkel, Texas, will be held at the office of said bank on Tuesday, the 14th day of January, 1947, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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arranged by Mrs. Healer. The last game was arranged especially for the honoree so as to receive the Christmas tree overloaded with nice gifts.

After everyone had viewed the many gifts and Doris had said "Thank You" to each guest, an attractive plate of coffee, cheese sandwiches, cookies and Christmas candy with a plate favor of a bag of rice with card holding the names "Doris and Edward" attached to it with a Christmas seal, was served to the honoree and the following: Mesdames Lewis Farmer, Monroe Whisenant, Edd Blackburn, Earnest Meeks, Houston Martin, Alton Farmer, Wade Ensminger, Elmer Patterson, Bill Wallace, Frank Brnovak, A. L. Farmer, Misses Blanche Farmer and Shirley Farmer, Masters Marion and James Healer. A number of gifts were sent.

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**NOTICE**

The deadline for making 1946 Income Estimate is Jan. 15, 1947. However, if you make your annual report for 1946 by Jan. 15, 1947, no estimate is required.

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